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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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On ACP-EEC cooperation in fisheries
development in the ACP States

The ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, meeting in Luxembourg from 10 to 12 October 1979,

- recalling the Joint Declaration on Sea fishing annexed to the Convention to be signed by the ACP States and the European Community in Lomé on 31 October 1979 and recognising the contribution that the development of fishery resources in waters within the jurisdiction of the ACP States can make to the overall development process of these States,
 - recalling also the Joint Declaration on the origin of fishery products annexed to Protocol No. 1 of the Convention, which recognises that changes in the existing rules of origin concerning fishery products may have to be made to enhance the development of the fishery sector,
1. Considers that there is an urgent need for intensified ACP-EEC cooperation to enable each ACP State to maximise the benefits of its fishery resources and retain full control of these vital resources to ensure a balanced system of fishing and conservation of fish stocks in the ACP States;
 2. Notes the interest expressed by many ACP States in developing their fishing industries;
 3. Urges the Community and the ACP States to carry out without delay, after the signature of the Convention, an examination of the problems posed by the entry into Community markets of fishery products from catches made in zones within the jurisdiction of the ACP States.